

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method of marking a skin for a vehicle interior trim panel ~~comprising~~consisting essentially of the steps of:

providing a deformable polymer skin layer formed by casting, spray coating, blow molding or thermoforming polymer materials selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, polyurethane, polyethylene, polypropylene, thermoplastic polyolefin, and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene polymers ~~thermoplastic or thermoset materials~~ said deformable skin layer having a color, ~~said colored skin having~~ and an outer skin layer surface;

providing a substrate layer;

providing a polyurethane foam layer bonded directly to said substrate layer and to said colored skin;

providing one or more switches embedded in said foam layer and underlying said colored skin layer;

activating a laser, said laser emitting a laser beam;

projecting said laser beam on to said outer skin surface in an area that overlies said one or more switches such that a portion of the outer skin surface contacted by said laser beam changes color relative to a portion of said outer skin surface not contacted by said laser to create a marking to indicate where a force

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may be applied to deform said skin and actuate ~~the position or function of said~~
one or more switches.